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SUBJ: INTEREST IN EGYPTIAN POULTRY TEAM VISITING US

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1. HOWARD AKERS WHO RECENTLY VISITED CAIRO AS REP OF AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION (ASA) AND FAS REPORTED ON EGYPT'S RAPIDLY EXPANDING POULTRY INDUSTRY. HE ALSO INDICATED THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE GOE WOULD APPRECIATE INVITATION TO SEND THREE-MAN POULTRY TEAM TO US.

2. TEAM IDEA HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ASA AND WE ARE JOINTLY INTERESTED IN PROVIDING NEEDED ASSISTANCE IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO INCREASED USE OF SOYBEAN MEAL IN POULTRY FEEDING RATIONS IN EGYPT. WE ASSUME THAT EGYPTIANS WOULD EXPECT FAS/ASA TO PAY THEIR PER DIEM AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCUSSING POULTRY TEAM'S
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VISIT WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE GOE INDICATING THE

INTEREST OF ASA AND FAS IN ASSISTING ALONG LINES AS
REPORTED ABOVE. HOWEVER, BEFORE EXTENDING AN INVITATION WE
WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MORE INFO ABOUT PURPOSE OF TEAM'S
VISIT. FROM A PROTOCOL STANDPOINT, WOULD IT BE ACCEPTABLE FOR ASA TO
EXTEND INVITATION TO
DEPUTY MINISTER?

4. OUR EXPORTS OF SOYBEAN OIL TO EGYPT INCREASED FROM A VALUE
OF DOL450,000 IN CALENDAR YEAR 1973 TO DOL2,899,000 IN
1974. WE FEEL OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR EXPANDING OUR MARKET IN
EGYPT FOR SOY MEAL. HOWEVER, RECORDED EXPORTS TO EGYPT FOR
SOYBEANS AND MEAL WERE INSIGNIFICANT LAST YEAR.

5. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN ORGANIZING POTENTIAL TEAM APPRECIATED.
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